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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS OF TIES BETWEEN FORMER PRIMIN KIM JONG-P'IL
AND REVEREND MOON

1. AT THE REQUEST OF KIM JONG-P'IL, MICKIE KIM CALLED ON ME MARCH 18 TO REGISTER KJP'S STRONG UNHAPPINESS WITH ALLEGATIONS IN COURSE OF FRASER SUB-COMMITTEE HEARINGS REGARDING HIS ALLEGED CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH REVEREND MOON. KJP IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT DOMESTIC REACTION WITHIN KOREA GIVEN HIS DIFFICULTIES LAST FALL WITH BLUE HOUSE-INSTIGATED INVESTIGATION OF HIMSELF AND ASSOCIATES. THESE DIFFICULTIES HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN CLEARED UP AND WHEN KCIA DIRECTOR KIM CHAE-KYU CALLED ON HIM TO APOLOGIZE FOR INVESTIGATION, WITH CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT PRESIDENT PARK HAD INITIATED APOLOGY BUT AVOIDED QTE PERSONAL UNQTE INVOLVEMENT. KJP HAS NOW BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT HIS LONGTIME RIVAL, YI HU-RAK, WAS BEHIND ORIGINAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM.

2. ACCORDING TO MICKEY KIM, KJP DENIES ANY CONNECTION WITH REVEREND MOON. CONTRARY TO ALLEGATIONS, MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH WAS FOUNDED IN '50'S WELL BEFORE KJP WAS IN GOVERNMENT. KJP ALLEGES CHARGES AGAINST HIM
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OF TIES WITH UNIFICATION CHURCH, WHICH MADE IN MID-'60'S WERE FOMENTED BY HIS ENEMIES WITHIN ROKG, AND PARTICULARLY YI HU-RAK. CONTRARY TO ALLEGATIONS, DURING THIS PERIOD, IN PARTICULAR 1964, KJP WAS OUT OF COUNTRY IN POLITICAL EXILE WHEN HE LOST OUT IN FEUD WITH YI HU-RAK. KJP ALSO BELIEVES THAT IN PART ALLEGATIONS ABOUT HIS TIES TO UNIFICATION CHURCH RESULT OF ACKNOWLEDGED CLOSE

TIES OF TWO OF HIS AIDES TO MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH.
BOTH BUD HAHN AND STEVE KIM, WHO SERVED AS AIDES AND
INTERPRETES FOR KJP, WERE IN FACT TIED IN WITH UNIFI-
CATION CHURCH BUT KJP HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS
ACTIVITY.

3. KJP IS LOOKING FOR MEANS OF DISCREDITING ALLEGATIONS
BOTH PRIVATELY AND, IF POSSIBLE, PUBLICLY. I TOLD
MICKEY KIM THAT I WOULD REPORT CONVERSATION TO WASHINGTON
BUT SAW LITTLE THAT WE COULD DO TO HELP KJP OUT AT THIS
POINT. WE ARE DOING SOME CHECKING FROM OUR FILES.
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